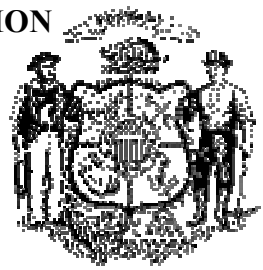




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KOHL, FEINGOLD, KIND SECURE \$27.3 MILLION FOR WESTERN WISCONSIN TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Washington, DC – U.S. Senators Kohl and Feingold and Rep. Ron Kind announced today that western Wisconsin will receive \$27.3 million in federal aid for transportation infrastructure projects authorized in the Transportation Equity Act of 2005. The funding is included in the final bill providing federal support for Wisconsin highways and public transit over the next six years. The additional funding awarded to western Wisconsin will support the following transportation projects:

- **\$13,100,000** to replace Highway 64/36 bridge over St. Croix River between Houlton, WI and Stillwater, MN, and upgrade approach roadways.
- **\$4,700,000** to widen Wisconsin State Hwy. 64 between Houlton and New Richmond, WI.
- **\$4,100,000** for the expansion of USH 151, between Dickeyville and Belmont, WI.
- **\$3,400,000** to reconstruct Wisconsin State Hwy. 21 at the I-94 Interchange, Monroe, WI
- **\$2,000,000** for Interstate 94 (Wilson Creek - Red Cedar River), Dunn County, WI.

The Transportation Equity Act provides funding for federal-aid highway, public transportation, transportation safety and research, with additional funding reserved for urgent need projects in individual congressional districts. The bill is also recognized as a significant economic development and job creation initiative, estimated to create 47,500 new jobs for each billion spent for highway funding.

"I am pleased to have worked with Rep. Kind and Sen. Feingold on securing federal funding for these important infrastructure projects. These projects will help promote economic development, ease traffic congestion and promote road safety in western Wisconsin," said Sen. Kohl. "Rep. Kind, Sen. Feingold and I are committed to ensuring that infrastructure will continue to be an engine for growth and jobs."

"A safe, reliable infrastructure is something that every Wisconsinite should be able to depend on," Feingold said. "I am pleased that our work helped western Wisconsin receive critical funding to improve roads, bridges, and highways that will benefit the thousands of people that depend on them every day."

"The long-awaited passage of the transportation bill is great news for western Wisconsin," stated Rep. Ron Kind, who was a member of the bipartisan committee tasked with reconciling the differences between the Senate and House bills. "These funds will go a long way to improve the efficiency of interstate commerce, alleviate commuter congestion, and result in safer roads for transit users throughout the region. In particular, the additional support for the Stillwater Bridge is very welcome news for those of us who have been working on this project for years. I am proud to have worked together with Senators Kohl and Feingold on finding these opportunities to enhance western Wisconsin's highway and transit infrastructure and create more jobs for Wisconsin workers."